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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW-- DECEMBER 23 -- SUMMARY

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1. THE CONTROVERSIAL "13TH MONTH" WAGE BONUS BILL WAS
FINALLY PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 20
WITH THE MODIFICATION THAT EMPLOYERS IN THE FREE ZONE
MAY SPREAD THE PAYMENT OVER SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS,
WHILE OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS MAY PAY IN THREE
MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS. THE GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICIZED BY
THE OPPOSITION MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) FOR
ADOPTING THE MODIFICATIONS IN "CAPITULATION TO THE CAPITALISTS."
CRITICISM OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE BILL CONTINUED TO
POUR IN FROM TRADE UNIONS AND FROM FREE ZONE EMPLOYERS.
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2. ON DECEMBER 20 THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED
(PROBABLY UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH 12 TENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS) AFTER: (A) DEBATING, BUT
NOT ADOPTING, A PLAN TO SHARPLY REVISE AND EQUALIZE THE
GOM'S SYSTEM OF SUBSIDIES TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS; (B) HEARING
A HEATED EXCHANGE BETWEEN MMM LEADERS AND LABOR DEPUTIES

OVER THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT, WHICH THE
OPPOSITION HAD REFUSED TO SIGN BECAUSE OF "IRREGULARITIES"
IN THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURES; AND (C) LISTENING TO
PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM REVIEW HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVE-
MENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR. RAMGOOLAM CONFIRMED THAT THE
GOM PLANS TO HOST A CONFERENCE ON THE DEMILITARIZATION OF
THE INDIAN OCEAN DURING 1978.

3. THIS WEEK MAURITIUS' FIVE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ELECTED
MAYORS FROM THEIR RANKS FOR THE COMING YEAR. MAURITIAN
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PMSD) LEADER GAETAN DUVAL WAS
RE-ELECTED IN CUREPIPE AND ANOTHER PMSD COUNCILLOR WAS
CHOSEN IN QUATRE BORNES. THE OTHER THREE COUNCILS,
CONTROLLED BY THE MMM, ALSO CHOSE NEW CHAIRMEN. MMM
DEPUTY AND PARTY VICE PRESIDENT R. JADDOO WAS CHOSEN MAYOR
OF ROSE HILL/BEAU BASSIN.

4. IT IS BEING SPECULATED THAT THE MMM'S NEWSPAPER,
LE MILITANT, MAY BE LIQUIDATED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR
BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. IT MAY BE REPLACED BY A
NEW JOURNAL CALLED "AVANT GARDE."

5. THE GOM, USING AUTHORITY RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM A
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY VOTE, OBTAINED ITS FIRST FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL BANK LOAN FROM A CONSORTIUM ORGANIZED BY LLOYDS
BANK INTERNATIONAL OF LONDON. THE LOAN, AMOUNTING TO
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